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MEMORANDUM FOR : Deputy Director (Plans)
THROUGH : Acting Chief, Development Projects Division
SUBJECT : Expansion of CORONA/MURAL Program in 1962

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1. This memorandum is for information.
2. Lockheed has provided the following information for various ways of expanding the CORONA/MURAL program in 1962. The basic program approved last spring now consists of 5 MURAL payloads plus 1 C Triple Prime payload launched between January and August 1962. This program had been estimated to cost [redacted] or roughly [redacted] per firing. This basic program has been expanded to what is now the presently approved schedule calling for 14 MURAL payloads preceded by 1 C Triple Prime payload during the period January through September 1962. This schedule is priced at [redacted] total per shot with a maximum firing rate of 3 per month. A variant of this, with the same number of birds but with a maximum firing rate of 2 per month, was priced [redacted] cheaper in total.
3. Another variant calling for a total of 29 launches with a maximum of 4 per month and extending through December 1962 was priced at [redacted] our own assumption of black cost total per shot.
4. Lockheed's last variant proposed 24 firings including 1 C Triple Prime at a maximum rate of 3 per month through December 1962 at a white cost of [redacted] total per shot.
5. One unfirn addition to the present approved schedule of 14 MURAL plus 1 C Triple Prime is the addition of 4 ARGON shots, 2 in September and 2 in October, at a white cost of [redacted]. The black payload costs are not estimable at this time.
6. In connection with this expansion of the CORONA/MURAL program from 5 to 14, I have queried and received a rather uninformative reply from NPIIC as to their ability to handle information on the basis of the approved launching rate with a 50% and a 75% level of success. I have likewise received a reply from Eastman to the effect that they will later reply to the specific questions.

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7. Lastly, at our 30 October meeting you expressed interest in costs of Eastman Kodak's processing of such materials. The following data were compiled for me by [redacted] on this point.

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<u>Recipient</u>	<u>DP's</u>	<u>EM's</u>	<u>COMINT Cost</u>	<u>MILIT Cost</u>
NPIC	8	1		
USAF	11	5		
ARMY	2	1		
NAVY	2	2		
[redacted]	2	1		
	<u>25</u>	<u>10</u>		

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The above costs are understood to be direct, including materials and labor but do not include overtime nor overhead.

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